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HOWARD, MARK A. et al.

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METHOD OF PREPARING
HYDROLYZED JOJOBA PROTEIN

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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated July 3, 2002, amendment and reconsideration of the
above application is requested.

Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of hydrolyzing defatted jojoba meal comprising the steps of:
- hydrolyzing an aqueous dispersion of said defatted jojoba meal by adding protease enzymes
- to said dispersion and agitating the dispersion;
- adding an acid to said agitated dispersion to lower the pH thereof; and
- deactivating protease enzymes in said dispersion.